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ADA LYNDALD.

[CONTINUED.]

"There was a soft and passive grace,
A cast of the eye upon her face,
That suited well that forehead high,
That eye-lash, and down-cast eye;
The mild expression spoke a mind,
In duty firm, compass'd, resign'd."—SCOTT.

"Love, human Love!—what art thou?
Thy print upon the dust
Outlives the cities of renown,
Wherein the mighty rest!"—MRS. HEMANS.

She was ushered, by a servant, into the parlor, but was surprised on entering to behold a young man seated by the window, with his back towards her. Her entrance did not seem to arouse him, for he did not move from his chair, or even turn his head. Ada supposed he was reading, and this was a great relief to her, for she wished to speak with no one but the landlady.

In a few moments, she entered, a plain-looking woman, as little benignity and benevolence in her countenance, as there was beauty. She bowed stiffly to Ada, and in a quiet unceremonious manner, demanded the occasion of her errand.

"I have come," said Ada, in a voice that would have softened aught but adamant, "to solicit a favor of you, which, at some future period, I will amply recompense you, at least, if life and health are granted me. My father being feeble to-day than usual, required more of my attention, and by this means, prevented me from finishing your sewing. As our provision is entirely spent, and I have no means of procuring any more, I have come with the humble request, that you will now pay me, what your sewing will amount to, when finished. I am aware that my request may seem impertinent; but stern necessity has compelled me to make it."

"I am sorry," said the woman frowning, "that I cannot grant your request. If you will wait till next week, madam, I will be as good as my word. But have you no friends, to whom you can apply for assistance?"

"None," answered Ada, in a faltering voice. "They have all fled with prosperity."

"Well, then, cannot you beg? I am sure there are enough who would give you."

"Begging is very humiliating, madam," said Ada, bending forward to conceal her emotions. In this act, however, a part of the chain, which had been attached to Arthur's miniature, was displayed, and caught the eye of the landlady.

"If you are in such distressing circumstances," said she, with a supercilious sneer, "why not sell your gold chain?"

Ada started forward, and clasped her almost transparent bosom, together with frantic energy. "Oh, G! I never parted with my life!" she exclaimed, in an agonized voice. "It was the parting gift of a beloved friend—a friend I shall never more behold,—and death itself would not tempt me to part with it!"

"If you place so much value upon it," said the landlady with another sneer, "I advise you to retain it."

"Oh, madam!" ejaculated Ada, convulsively, "could you but know how dear it is to me, you would never sneer at me, for refusing to part with it! But it is late. For Heaven's sake madam, grant my request, and immediately too, for my poor father is suffering for his evening meal!"

"I have given my answer, and you may construe it as you please," was the arrogant reply.

Ada threw herself on her knees before her and attempted to take her hand. "Oh, if you have one spark of pity yet in your bosom, grant my request! Our provisions are exhausted, and my father will suffer for sustenance, if you refuse. I can sustain hunger, cruelly sneering, all,—but oh, heaven! I cannot see my only earthly friend expire, by want of proper nourishment! I am weak, faint and exhausted. In pity, in mercy, grant my request and I shall forever be grateful for your condescension!"

Without designing to reply, the woman shook her roughly away, and departed from the room. Ada sank into a chair and, regardless of the presence of any one, sobs, deep, broken and convulsive, burst from her heaving bosom. "Heaven's only powers!" she exclaimed, clasping her atten-

uated hands tightly, "My father will surely expire by her cruelty! I am fast sinking, and can I, another long, long night, perchance, another day, withstand these gnawing pangs within!"

A hand was laid gently on her arm. She started up, wildly, in expectation of beholding the relentless landlady; but was somewhat surprised, on seeing the young man, she noticed on her entrance. He handed her a tumbler of water, and in a kind voice requested her to compose herself.

She drank with avidity of the freshening draught, which, together with the kind manner of the stranger, greatly revived her. "Thanking him in a broken voice for his trouble, she arose to depart, she scarcely knew whether, and was proceeding to the door, when the stranger caught her arm."

"I have witnessed the foregoing scene," said he, in a voice, that was rich and melodious, as had sounded on her ear for five long years,— "and have been much interested in the story of your sufferings. Here," he continued, placing in her hand, a bill of considerable amount, "if this will in any way alleviate your distress, accept it with my assurance of unfeigned welcome."

"Thanks! a thousand thanks, for your kindness, sir!" she ejaculated in a broken voice, while the tears of gratitude streamed rapidly down her pale cheeks.

Such a trifling sum scarcely deserves your thanks," said the stranger. "If it will be of any service to you, however, I shall be doubly repaid. Pardon my boldness; but you have interested me greatly. Shall I not infer from your words, as well as your manners, that you have seen brighter days?"

"If, sir," said she, scarce audible, "a happy home, among my friends, and surrounded by every comfort wealth can afford, can be denominated brighter days, I have surely experienced them."

The stranger made no reply, and Ada ventured to raise her tearful eyes to his countenance. She saw that it was strikingly beautiful, and bore the impress of no ordinary powers of mind. His complexion, though somewhat bronzed, was nevertheless, very fair; and a mass of luxuriant raven locks, hung in bold relief, around a majestic brow. His form was somewhat above the common height, though of unrivalled elegance and symmetry.

"Ada am I right," he, at length, asked in a tone of deep interest, "in supposing, also, that poverty is not the only weight upon your heart?"

"Oh, sir! it is, indeed, as you conjecture!" she exclaimed, sinking into a chair, and covering her face with her hands. "Long ere the curse of poverty came upon, was my heart stranger to hope and happiness!"

"Is your fate any way connected with the friend, to whom you alluded not long since?"

"It is, sir—but let this suffice," said Ada, in an agitated voice, rising to depart, for she felt her self-command was fast forsaking her. "I cannot—must not tell you more. My history is too sad and painful to recount."

"The stranger bent his dark, fascinating, lustrous eyes on her countenance, with a look of mingled surprise, admiration and pity; while a singular smile played around his finely-formed mouth. Ada started. 'That smile was familiar though she could not, at that moment, recollect where she had before seen it.'

"If I may be so bold, permit me to examine the chain, which Mrs. D—— mentioned before you depart."

"Here it is, sir," she said taking from her neck, with trembling hands. "It is attached to a miniature of the friend who gave it to me, and I do not think you will condemn me for valuing it so highly, when you have examined it."

She placed the miniature in his hand; but he had scarcely glanced over it, ere a wild exclamation escaped his lips.

"Ada Lyndald! my long-lost wife!" he ejaculated, rushing forward and clasping her convulsively in his arms. Ada raised her eyes to his, with a look of wonder, and then fell fainting on his bosom.

When Ada recovered her consciousness, the first object that met the eyes, was the tall and elegant form of Arthur Lyndald, bending tenderly over her. Hastily raising herself up, she glanced around her, with a look of bewilderment, as if she feared that all was but a pleasing dream,—a delusory chimaera, that must soon pass away. The ardent glance she met from Arthur's eyes, assured her, however, that it was but a bright and happy reality. Her feelings overpowered her, she covered her face with her hands, and tears gushed from her eyes,—not tears of sorrow and anguish, wrung from a breaking heart; but those of joy—deep and heart-felt joy, thrilling through every fibre of her frame.

"It cannot be," sobbed she, "Heaven is too kind!"

"Heaven is but just in restoring to my arms, a lovely and now beloved wife," said Arthur, gently kissing her forehead. "But," he continued, scanning her coarse apparel, "I never dreamed of meeting you in such reduced circumstances."

"Your curiosity shall be satisfied, ere long," said Ada, wiping away her tears. "My father is anxiously awaiting my return, and without doubt, imagines some accident has detained me. I must, therefore, hasten to him as soon as possible."

"In the delight of the moment, I had nearly forgotten him," said Arthur. "Our speed now, however, will atone for our delay, for I am very impatient to behold one, who has been a second father to me."

He then enquired how far her residence was from the inn, and on being informed proposed to order his carriage. "This Ada declined, and he then offered to send a servant to procure the necessary provision. As the place, where she had before purchased it, was almost a half mile distant, she consented to this without delay. Arthur then snatched up his cloak, of a rich, sable velvet and throwing it over her shoulders, begged her to wear it, as her thin apparel was ill fitted to the lateness of the season. They immediately after, sallied forth, and in a short time, reached the wretched habitation, Arthur, in the meanwhile, puzzled himself with a thousand conjectures respecting the cause of their reduction to such distress. Followed by her astonished husband, she threw open the door and rushed, with a cry of joy, to her father's bedside.

We pass over the scene that ensued, for pen could never do justice to the raptures expressed on all sides, particularly of Ada, when she saw together, two beings, dearer than the whole world beside. The joy of Arthur was somewhat damped, on meeting them in such abject circumstances; but this occasioned but a transient pang, for he reflected that he had the means of restoring them to more than their former wealth. A short time after, the servant which Arthur had despatched to the village, arrived with the provision he had ordered, and, while Ada was preparing their evening meal, Mr. Campbell related to him the particulars we have before detailed, on omitting to express his compassion, for ever writhed the audacious villain, who had despoiled them of their once delightful home. Arthur listened with surprise and indignation to the detail of the nephew's villainy; but, when Mr. Campbell descanted, with all a father's affection, on the unrefining gentleness with which she had borne her sufferings, and the trials which she had so patiently endured on his account,—his feelings rose above control, and tears coursed their way down his manly cheeks.

"I cannot be surprised, my dear sir," he said, when Mr. Campbell had concluded, "at any instance of the goodness and amiability of her character; for I have long since learned to regret her, as a being, incapable of error. I have scarcely dared to hope, after my former duplicity," he added, glancing at Ada, "to find her love unchanged; yet the reception she has given me, has tended to excite very flattering emotions in my bosom."

Ada made no reply, for her heart was too full to speak; but the look she gave him was sufficient to convince him, that his hopes were not fallacious.

"I trust, Arthur," said Mr. Campbell, smiling, "that you will have no reason to murmur at her want of affection. The love of woman, when fixed on a worthy object, is incapable of change or diminution; and I should at once conclude she had never loved you, could she forget you."

"I hope, sir, you will never repent the warm reception you have given me," said Arthur, with a quivering lip. "If the most devoted affection on my part can in any way enhance your happiness, I hope and trust, I shall not prove myself utterly unworthy of it."

Mr Campbell's face suddenly assumed a sorrowful expression; but he made no reply. He felt that the hand of death was upon him; and nor long could he be spared to participate in the happiness of his daughter.

Ada thought of the past, and for a moment, she knew not what to conjecture. The occasion of his sudden and unexpected return, was a mystery she did not attempt to solve; though the most flattering hopes beat high in her breast. After they had eaten their supper, of which no partook very heartily, Ada ventured to request him to relate the history of his proceedings since his departure.

"I see, Ada," he replied, smiling, "that the past is not absent from your mind. It is but

just that you should know my singular history; and with the concurrence of your father, provided you throw aside your sewing, I will relate it."

Mr. Campbell most gladly gave his consent, and Ada, smiling, threw aside the unfinished garments of the landlady's. After adjusting himself in his somewhat uncomfortable chair by the bedside, Arthur commenced.

"I cannot give you a very graphic account, for my powers of relating are somewhat defective; and this must excuse my abruptness. You both know the manner of our separation. When I left you my heart was almost bursting with anguish; and it was long ere I could sufficiently subdue my feelings, to proceed with coolness and composure. From your residence, I went to N——, intending to embark immediately for the eastern continent. While preparing for this, I met a young friend of mine, who was going to Bordeaux, and, after learning my intentions, invited me to prolong my journey, by accompanying him to France and thence proceed to Italy. I at first made some objections; but he pressed me so warmly, that I found it impossible to refuse; and soon after, I stepped on board the vessel, that was to bear me, forever, as I then supposed, from my native land. I need not describe my sensations, when I watched its shores gradually recede in the distance; nor when I beheld the sun sink in the western wave, and the dim mantle of twilight steal darkly over the expansive waste of waters that stretched between me and my home. After a long and, to me, a tedious voyage, I beheld the blushing mountains of that populous land, tower in the misty distance; and was, not long after, straying, a lonely wanderer, up the broad, busy streets of Bordeaux."

"I had not been in Bordeaux long, ere the friend, whom I had accompanied, was suddenly snatched away by the hand of death. This was a source of deep regret to me, as I valued him, not only for his companionship, but for the intrinsic excellence of his heart. Having contracted several valuable acquaintances, I felt some reluctance to quit them, though the bustle and turmoil of the city was anything but congenial to my feelings. Six months I remained in this place, lonely, solitary, and desponding. My mind was continually recurring to the past, and the more I reflected the more gloomy I became. I felt

"As one who trends alone,
Some banquet hall deserted."

and amid every scene of pleasure and amusement, the memory of former happiness clung around me, as a spectre.—One night, a short time before my departure, my spirits being unusually depressed, I resolved to visit the Theatre, hoping, that in the excitement of the scene, I should, for a while, forget the weight that hung so heavily upon my breast. I took my seat in a remote corner, and was gazing with intense interest on the scene, when I distinctly heard a voice, behind me, but too painfully familiar to my ear. I turned around with involuntary quickness, and beheld no other than Louise Melton. She was conversing, with the greatest volubility, with an elderly, audacious looking gentleman by her side, and did not seem to notice my proximity to her. As I was about to turn away, she suddenly changed her position and gazed full in my face. A deep blush mantled her cheek; but as I made a bow of recognition, she tossed her head contemptuously, and turning away, resumed her conversation with her companion. Surprise, at such a moment, almost stunned me, and, as the words I accidentally overheard, I should have remained thus for a long time.

"Who is that?" I heard her companion inquire.

"A young man, Arthur Lyndald," she replied, laughing, "with whom I had the misfortune of becoming acquainted a few years since; and who is now so presumptuous as to suppose I shall favor him with a show of recognition."

"I waited to hear no more; but rushed madly through the crowd and burst into the street. I hastened to my lodging, where, locking myself into my apartment, I indulged mingled emotions of anger, mortification and regret. Can it be, thought I, that Louise Melton, she, who professed to love me so devotedly, scorns me thus? Might she not meet me, at least, in friendship? Had my conduct merited such coolness and contempt? I blush with shame, even now, when I reflect how eagerly I reviewed the incidents of our separation, and strove to discover wherein I was deserving of censure. I had before imagined, that my heart had been rendered callous by suffering and sorrow,—I imagined I should be alike indifferent to sorrow or affection. But now I discovered otherwise. The contempt of Louise Melton stung my very soul, and I felt an intense desire to retaliate on her, for the wrong she had done me. I drew the ring, which she had

given me at parting, from my finger and crushed it indignantly to the earth. Thus perished, exclaimed I, every memorial of her who has scorned me so superciliously. I was too excited to reflect calmly, and could only imprecate myself—for what I know not. But why should I describe to you the varied emotions, which I experienced during that long and never-to-be-forgotten night?"

"In the morning I rose feverish and unrefreshed, in a state of mind approximating to insanity. During the day I continued to dwell on a visit from a friend, who had been in Paris, and who stated that he had seen Louise Melton, to arrange some accounts, which the deceased had left unsettled. He had been the favorite friend of boyhood, and the companion of my sports and pastimes; and, therefore, I welcomed him with the greatest cordiality. In the course of the conversation, I learned that he was from L——, and the inquiries, suggested relative to my aunt, soon led me to speak of Miss Melton. The sarcastic manner in which he alluded to her, excited my surprise, and knowing his communicative disposition, I concealed my feelings as much as possible, hoping to soon discover the cause of his sarcasm."

"Have you seen her profligate husband, Lyndald?" he inquired.

"Profligate husband!" I repeated, involuntarily. "Indeed, I knew not that she had selected a profligate character."

"Probably, because she feared what she had so often ridiculed, a life of celibacy," was the laconic reply.

"I was greatly surprised at his words; but subduing my emotion as much as possible, I entreated him to be explicit. I stated that she had once been an acquaintance, though now all intimacy had ceased; but omitted the circumstance of our betrothal and the obstacle to our union. He then related to me, circumstances that seemed, to my ears, incredible; yet, knowing the veracity of his character, I dared not doubt them. I learned from him that Louise Melton, in the village of her mother's residence, had been an incorrigible flirt, that she had rejected the suit of no less than a dozen admirers, among whom were gentlemen of disinterested motives, with no other purpose, no excuse, but her sordid passion for coquetry. Her fame at length was spread, and she was regarded by all as a dangerous coquette. Her admirers rapidly decreased, and, fearing she should meet with a fate similar to many other coquettes, she determined to resort to some obscure abode in the country, where she was unknown. Having a relative in the town of L——, it was at length agreed that she should retire thither."

"Here," continued Alison, "my personal knowledge of her ceases. It was reported, soon after her departure, that she had given her hand to a young man she met at L——, but that some obstacle intervened to prevent their union. He was reported to be the heir of immense property, by way of an uncle, who lived in England; and it was undoubtedly the prospect of vast riches that induced her to accept his hand, for her nature was incapable of love. I knew not his name, but he was said to be amiable, and I rejoiced when I heard that the projected union was dissolved, for I could not but commiserate a girl who possessed so heartless a nature."

"Astounded at these unexpected disclosures, I had scarcely power to speak or move. Alison soon after took his leave, and I was left to my own remorseful reflections. How egregiously had I been deceived!—how had the first, ardent, impetuous passions of youth been misplaced! 'That the young man, she had met at L——, was myself I had no doubt. It was supposed by some, that I was heir to my uncle's estate, though I, myself, had never indulged the hope. It was my supposed wealth, then, that she loved,—not myself—not the heart, proffered to her in the warm confidence of youthful love.—You undoubtedly recollect, that, a short time before my departure, I received a letter from England, stating that my uncle's son, whom he believed dead, had returned, and would of course inherit the estate. The knowledge of this, I immediately concluded, occasioned her coldness and contempt, on the previous night.—You may wonder that I could have been so deceived; but Louise, in my presence, had always worn the garb of uniform integrity, and it was the remembrance of her imaginary virtues that fanned the flame of my affection.—As her virtues vanished, so did my affection.—When the halo of moral piety, which I imagined surrounded her—when the 'rose-tinted medium' through which I viewed her, had vanished and I

and her character in its own disgusting deformity, my love was changed to detestation and contempt. I involuntarily thanked Heaven for serving me from the snares of the coquette. Instead of cursing the hour that linked your name to mine I blessed it. I drew a contrast between you and Louise—she, the proud, disdainful coquette—you the noble, disinterested and exalted being, whose heart I had broken. I felt that my love had been placed on an object, totally unworthy of it, while a purer, loftier being alone should have claimed it.

I left Bordeaux, soon after, unwilling to breathe, any longer, the same atmosphere with one so polluted. Gladly would I have directed my wandering footsteps homeward, but for my health which was now considerably affected, no sometimes caused me to fear, that I might never behold you, on the shores of mortality. I proceeded to Tuscany, and soon selected a spot whose picturesque beauties and amenity of situation could not fail of eliciting admiration. I was an old Chateau in Val di Chiana, in possession of an English gentleman, Mr. Fitzarthur. After becoming acquainted with him, by frequently meeting him in my rambles through his delightful valley, I received an invitation to take up my abode with him—an invitation which I did not fail to accept. A few years before he had been separated, by death, from a wife whom he tenderly loved, and being weary of fashionable life, he had removed to Italy and purchased the beautiful valley he now occupied. Affliction and solitude had rendered him taciturn and seclusive, and by these means, I was offered an ample field for reflection. My moments I spent in almost unbroken solitude. I banished every thought of my first love, and fixed my mind solely upon you. I reflected upon your goodness, your amiability, your affection, until my soul was filled with a deep and tender affection, and I longed to behold you, and clasp you to my bosom, as my loved and lovely wife. I saw and experienced the difference between first and second love,—this deep, sober and devoted,—that ardent passionate and impetuous.

Not long however were these blissful anticipations to exist. A change of climate seemed to produce no effect upon my health, for my cough continued slowly to increase, and with it every symptom of a premature decay. I resorted to the advice of the most eminent physicians; but this also proved abortive. I then felt that I must resign all hopes of again meeting you, and prepare myself for a summons from above. It was long ere I could yield up all hopes of recovery; but I cherished the consoling idea that, in Heaven, I should behold you, and spend, with you, an eternity of unalloyed bliss. At the end of the fourth year, my disease had assumed such an alarming state, that all hope was banished; and the wasted, and languid form, the deep, racking cough and the hectic flush upon my cheek,omened, but too plainly, of approaching dissolution. You may wonder that I did not write to you and apprise you of my situation and the change of my sentiments; but while I cherished a hope of recovery, I deemed it unnecessary. When this hope was abandoned, I felt that a knowledge of these would inspire you with a desire to behold me, more excruciating to support, than total ignorance of my fate. At this stage of affairs, I met a young physician from another part of Italy, to whose advice I was urged, by Mr. Fitzarthur, to resort. This, I did, though without any hope of success, and to my surprise and joy, soon discovered that it was not vain. In six months my cough had nearly ceased, and the warm current of health again flowed with its former vigor, through my veins. My countenance resumed its color, and hope again visited my heart. I was impatient to return to you; but my physician ordered that I should remain, till perfectly recovered, fearing the coldness of my native climate might renew the symptoms of consumption. To his orders, I reluctantly submitted, praying Heaven, the while, to be propitious.

When the fifth year drew to its close, my physician assured me that there was now no danger of a return to colder climate. But another obstacle presented itself. The small stock, which my father had left me, was now nearly exhausted, indeed, I had scarcely enough left to bear my expenses home. I was on the point of applying to Mr. Fitzarthur, when I received a letter from England, which rendered such an application unnecessary. It stated that my uncle had lately expired, and his only son being dead, he had bequeathed to me, his whole estate, which was immense. The writer requested that I should hasten thither as soon as possible, as there was some affairs of the estate, that were unsettled. Thinking Heaven for my good fortune, I made a joyful adieu to Val di Chiana, and hastened with all possible despatch to England. Having arrived at the place of my uncle's residence, I proceeded to survey my estate, and was delighted to find its vastness, far exceeded my most sanguine expectation. Its situation, however, was very unpleasant, and I determined to sell it, immediately, if possible. As they were many who wished to purchase, I found no difficulty in disposing of it. I made immense profits by my bargain; indeed, I could not have hoped to meet with better success. From thence I

hastened to London, preparatory to my embarkation. An instance which there occurred to me, by interest you, and I will relate it.

The evening before my departure, I was seated in my apartment at the inn, when I was aroused from my reveries, by a groan at the door. On opening it, I discovered a woman, seated on the steps, whom I immediately carried in; and, on removing her tattered hood, I distinctly traced in her attenuated countenance, the features of Louise Melton, or, properly, Mrs. Courtenay. From her, I learnt, that on her return from France, Courtenay had deserted her, and left her to the charity of her friends. For several years, she resided with a cousin, until, that cousin's dying, he was thrown upon her own resources for support. Unused to such toil, she soon sank beneath her hardships, and was carried to the almshouse. Preferring to beg, rather than remain, in her recovery, she departed. For several days, he wandered about without scarcely any sustenance, and, at length, unable to support herself longer, she had sunk on the door-steps of the inn, hoping to shortly yield up her woe-fraught existence. I provided her a comfortable apartment for the night; but in the morning, was informed that she was no more. This then, thought I, is the end of the once beautiful and brilliant Louise Melton!—I left a sum of money, sufficient for a decent burial, and departed.

My passage to America, though pleasant, seemed interminably long. I was impatient to behold you, to clasp you in my arms, as my own sweet wife, and imprint upon your lips, the ravishing kisses of affection. My imagination pictured you countenance again irradiated with the beams of happiness, and once more I heard your silvery voice uttering the language of love and joy. The pleasing task of binding the broken heart was mine, and I longed for the hour to arrive, when I could assure you of my unalterable affection. Sometimes a thought occurred to me, that made my heart almost die within me. Perchance, you had sunk beneath your sorrow and I shall meet you, only to receive your dying blessing. Or, still worst, perchance you had expired of a broken heart, and I had returned, only to weep over your grave. These gloomy forebodings however, I endeavored to dismiss, reproaching myself for ever doubting the kindness of heaven. Immediately after landing I started for your supposed residence; but having business in this town,—business that could not possibly be deferred,—I was obliged to proceed this way. I was hastening with all possible quickness to transact the affair for which I had come, when I unexpectedly met you. The alteration in your circumstances and the changes sorrow and sufferings had made in your countenance, prevented me from recognizing you at first, notwithstanding, your voice was strangely familiar to my ear. I was instinctively drawn towards you, from first sight, and the simple, yet brief story of your sufferings excited my interest, while it drew forth my deepest compassion. I am greatly astonished at learning the treachery of your cousin; and am happy to inform you that, I have the means of restoring both you and your father, to comfort and happiness.—And now my dearest Ada, continued Arthur, drawing her unresisting form gently to his bosom and imparting a tender kiss upon her brow, 'at last, by your side, I again renew my former vows of love and protection, and call on Heaven to witness my sincerity. Instead of the pithy sum of a few dollars, I lay at your disposal, my whole fortune and, what you will value far more, my love. My future study, in life, shall be to render you happy, to protect you from the storms of the world, and cherish you on my bosom with devoted and undying affection.'

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From Mexico. A letter has been received by this evening's mail from Pensacola, of the 10th inst., containing extracts of a letter from Vera Cruz of the 29th August. These only recite the statements which we published from official sources on Monday evening, namely, that the troops and the generals actually and absolutely refuse to march to invade Texas; that Gen. Parades has returned to Mexico, and others have followed suit. There is a report in town (Vera Cruz) from Mexico, that Parades has pronounced (that is the way you know they do business here) in favor of a regency, to be composed of three military men, &c., &c. These are however, reports; and they want confirmation. But the writer states that the government is without money, and without power, and without energy; and therefore cannot stand. [Union.]

A New Republic. A project is in contemplation in Arkansas for the establishment of a settlement of Americans in California. A company of one thousand is proposed to be raised, the families and freight of the emigrants to be sent by sea from New Orleans. The young men, and others who prefer it, to take the overland route from Fort Smith to Santa Fe, and thence to the Pacific, which is proposed to strike near the head of San Francisco, in lat. 34 degrees, there to meet the families going by water. A site is then to be chosen, after a thorough exploration of the coast, for permanent settlement. The project of this scheme, Mr. Leavitt, predicts that ten years will see the coast of California well settled, and that beautiful country "the great Southwestern Republic of North America."

A young buck about starting to New Orleans, proposed to purchase a life-preserver. "Oh, you'll not want it," said the clerk. "Why not?" "Because you'll sink."

ROTATION IN OFFICE.

It is the duty of the democratic press to discuss, and defend every democratic principle and usage; and the editor who, through fear of consequences to himself or some favorite friend, avoids that duty is recreant to the solemn trust he has assumed, and should be forced by public sentiment to quit his dishonored position. He who volunteers to stand sentinel upon the watch tower of liberty must guard every entrance with a sleepless eye. We feel this mighty responsibility resting upon us, and to the best ability do we mean to discharge it. We know full well the consequences of fidelity. There are those in the democratic ranks who would at any time sell their birthright for a mess of pottage—who, for their own personal aggrandizements or pecuniary advantage, would sacrifice principle, usage and party altogether. Such men are always ready to denounce. In pursuing a straight-forward course we do not expect, neither are we anxious, to please them. We speak to and for the masses—the people, who are democratic from their love of liberty and not for the spoil.

Among the doctrines of the democratic party which should at all times—but more especially at the present time—be prominently upheld is that of rotation in office. It has been iterated and reiterated for years in our presses, our town meetings, our County, Senatorial, Congressional, Legislative and State Conventions. It has been solemnly affirmed in our National Convention. It was avowed by President Jackson and Van Buren, and is one of the acknowledged grounds of removal and appointment with President Polk and his cabinet.

Now what is meant by the phrase—rotation in office? Is it significant of an idea, or is it mere claptrap? Is it—on the part of our papers, our Conventions and our Presidents—merely a "put thrown to the whole," or is it a sincere sentiment?

We have always understood it to mean that after an appointed officer had held his position for a specific time another should be appointed in his place. Without particularizing, we may say that this "specific time" is understood to cover two administrative terms of the national government with national officers, and lesser periods with State officers.

'Rotation' does not mean, as the democratic party understand it, removing from one appointment into another. It would be in such case a mere farce—the veriest humbug. Men of accomplished wire-pulling abilities might thus obtain life-estates at the public crib, merely changing occasionally from one stall to another.

This is not democracy. After holding office the well understood period, the officer should be restored to private life, and a fresh recruit take his place the emblems of honor. The doctrine is not only just in itself, but it is wise; for it is a well-marked fact that those who have labored for years upon the public, are almost sure to feel themselves above the people. They are very apt to despise those upon whom they have lived; and the "servant becomes greater than his master."

Office is honor, life, and the presumption that it is within the reach of all, excites a proper and healthy ambition. It turns into the political field thousands of obedient and talented minds, who labor for principle, and the reputation that should follow success. Let this lofty and noble feeling be crushed—let our young men conceive the idea that public honor is a mere transaction in a circle only—that rotation is not a substantial principle, but simply a mere theory—that the idle, who do no hard fighting, are to have all this class of benefits—and the democratic party will sink into the minority. If it be doubted, look at the past. There are facts on record that will bear out the assertion. If we take the warning they give us, it will be well—if not, then the shadows they cast on the future are forebodings of certain defeat.

The time has come when all who can give voice and tone to the democratic party should speak out, and boldly, on this great subject. We have entered on another administration, with a President fresh from the people. All cliques and factions were thrust aside, and in his nomination a new and glorious leaf in the history of the democracy was opened. President Polk has shown that for a determination not to confer honor upon the backward politicians but to take his office as he was taken—from the ranks of the people. Dependent as he must necessarily be to a great extent upon others for his knowledge of the merit and fitness of candidates, it was to be expected that mistakes in removals and appointments would occasionally be made. Such has been the case; but his general course has manifested the sincerity of his intentions. It is obvious that his purpose is to recognize distinctly the good old democratic sentiment of rotation in office, and in so doing he will be gloriously sustained by the people who elevated him. [Maine Inquirer.]

DISGRACEFUL.

We learn by the papers that a disgraceful affair came off in Gardner village on Friday, the 12th inst., between a man seller, named Patrick Maher, and Rev. J. W. Lawton, editor of the Cold Water Fountain. It seems the editor had spoken in the Fountain personality of Maher, and in very flattering terms, and had so enlarged him that he sought an opportunity to attack Mr. L. as he came out of Atwood's Book Store, and after being floored twice by the superior "assault" of his Rev. antagonist he was taken in charge of an officer and held to answer for his assault, before a magistrate. Probably a more desperate state of feeling never existed in a place among the liquor drinkers, cellars and sympathizers, than now exists in Gardner. And we think this state of things is referable in part at least to the ill-considered course pursued by the so-called temperance paper in that village. That paper, since it came under the control of its present editor, has belied forth one continual torrent of violent and inflammatory denunciations, which has served only to call forth the worst passions of those whom temperance people should labor to reform. Violence will beget violence. Wrath begets wrath, and there is no talking this law of cause and effect out of men's natural constitution. We believe in the efficacy of moral power, and we feel able to say that no great, lasting moral good, was ever effected by any other than moral means. Tell a man he is a devil and make him believe it, and he will be as bad as the devil.

tell a man he is a brute, and unfit to live among men, and just in proportion as he believes you he will become prepared to manifest brutal passions, and to indulge in all sorts of brutal conduct. The chief labor of Mr. Lawton, it has seemed to us, has been to demonstrate that certain men are brutes, demons, devils; and from the late affair in Gardner we infer that his editorial labors are beginning to bring forth their legitimate fruits. [Maine Inquirer.]

Strange Origins. Moses was a shepherd, Noah a farmer; Confucius a carpenter; Mahomet an ass-driver; Mehemet Ali a barber; the great Emperor of Morocco a picture dealer; Bernadotte a surgeon in the garrison of Martique, at the time the invasion of the English; Madame Bernadotte a washerwoman of Paris; Napoleon, who descended from an obscure Corsican family, was only a major when he espoused Josephine; Franklin was a printer; President Boyer a maltster; President Tyler a militia captain; Oliver Cromwell a brewer; the step-father of Isabella Queen of Spain, the husband of Christina, and the brother-in-law of the King of Naples, was a waiter in a coffee house; General Espartero was a sexton; King Christophe, of Hayti, was a slave of St. Kitt; the present President of Hayti was also a slave; Bolivar an apothecary; General Pez a cow driver; Vasco da Gama a sailor; Columbus a sailor; Louis Philippe a schoolmaster in Switzerland, at Basle; and at Havana; Catharine, Empress of Russia, a girl attached to regiment; the present Governor of Madeira a tailor; the Minister of Finance of Portugal a wine merchant.

A DEER WOMAN STOPPED. Miss Mary Ann Golden was yesterday arrested on the affidavit of Miss Mary Rogers, charged with sending the latter a challenge. It appears that the parties, who lived in Franklin street, have had a dispute, which in the opinion of Miss Golden, could only be settled by an appeal to arms; accordingly she sent Miss R. a challenge, of which the following is a true copy:

FRANKLIN STREET, Wednesday morn
Madam—I hereby notify you to meet me at 1 o'clock, this evening, at the other side of the French grave-yard, then and there to settle our dispute, agreeably to the "Codes of Honor." My friend, Miss Sarah—, who will hand you this, will meet any friend you may select to settle all preliminaries.

MARY ANN GOLDEN.

To Miss Mary Rogers.
The investigation of this affair will take place before his honor the Recorder Genois this morning. [New Orleans Pic. Sept. 11.]

To the Point! The Washington Union of Saturday last says, in relation to the boundary question: "Let there be no mistake about the matter. The Rio del Norte is our boundary line. The Rio del Norte will continue to be our boundary; and neither the arms of the Mexicans, nor the tongues of our diplomatists, nor the puns of the 'National Intelligencer,' will be sufficient to remove our boundary east of that river. There our boundary is planted, and the bullets of the Mexicans, nor the paper shot of their friends in this country, will be able to shake the determination of our Executive upon this question."

Hon. J. R. Giddings, a member of Congress from Ohio, wrote a pamphlet and made speeches to induce the abolitionists to vote for Henry Clay. Abby Kelly, in her lectures in Ohio, states that in a private conversation, Giddings said to her that "the Union is a curse and he should be glad to see it dissolved."

BEARS. It is stated that Bears are quite numerous this season, in Maine. One was killed in Foxcroft, (says the Farmer) on Thursday morning of last week, by Mr. Caleb Weston, about 300 rods from his home—it weighed when dressed 500 lbs.—the whole would weigh probably 500 lbs.

LOCAL CONVERSATIONS. "Hello, Pete, I got a colunderus wat I wants to ax ye. Why am de readers ob de Augusta Age like many ob our colored bretheren ob de South?" "Bekase—bekase—yes—m. Cuff I gavs 'em up."

"Wat an 'gwement wad waded you is. I tell you why. Bekase dey ax de question ob how de slaves shoud be freed."

"Now, Cuff, I wants to get you a colunderus wad I's gawn to gaw ye. Why am Vitius in de company ob voo like de Keme-bee Journal?" "Does ye got wader?"

"No—bekase—yes—m. I gavs 'em up."

"Yah, yah, yah. Gots ye ob de hip. Wah. I'll tell ye why Vitius is de company ob Voo am like de Keme-bee Journal. Bekase upon de Slave's depositions is de."

"Gosh, Pete, you's been into de random ob de dictionary all oifer. Ba here's de for ye ob de Gospel Banner?" "Dat's what I ase ye."

"O, I gots de up tree weeks ago."

"Bekase, you sally nigger, its Drew ob de per."

MR. JOHN B. GOUGH.
As the mysterious conduct of this individual continues to be a subject of much discussion in this community, where he was well known, we copy the following paragraphs concerning him from the New York papers of yesterday, promising that we believe that much more has been said on the subject than the man or the occasion demanded. The Tribune, which is a strong and earnest temperance journal, and favorable to Mr. Gough, has the following: [Boston Courier.]

The subject of the disappearance of Mr. John B. Gough continued to be considerably discussed on Saturday. The affair, however, still remains as much in the dark as ever, and all that we do know in reality is, that Mr. Gough was found in the condition and at the place stated by us, and that he still remains in a deplorable state—doubtless from the effects of liquor or opium, or probably both. The history of the soda water—meeting an old shop-mate—going into Thompson's and Weller's, and then into a soda shop round the corner down Warren or Murray street (there being no such thing as a soda shop in either of them anywhere in the vicinity of Broadway) &c. &c. is, to say the least, very unsatisfactory. We say nothing of the week in the house in Walker-st. the expenditure of about \$150 of his money, and other inconsistencies. They relate each other.

Perhaps when Mr. Gough completely recovers his senses, the events of the week in a come back to his memory as they formerly seemed. At present our duty is charity, our privilege pity. Whether Mr. Gough was seduced by an enemy to temperance and one of its most successful advocates, or whether he fell from the occasional strength of his own returning appetite, he is almost equally entitled to our deepest sympathy and commiseration; nor is the sacred, the glorious cause of temperance implicated in his late or responsible for the occasional tergiversations of its ministers.

The Express of yesterday says:

Upon enquiring, we learn that on Saturday night (not Friday night) Mr. Gough was at the Croton hotel at 9 1-2 o'clock. P. M. and was to occupy a room. He did not, however, occupy the room that night, and was not particularly seen after 9 1-2 o'clock, when he went out, as is believed, with some other person. He was then apparently in his right mind and unquestionably sober. We have no further account of him until found by Camp and Wilkes in the garret of a house in Walker-st. although he is reported to have been in Centre-street, after drinking the soda, with a woman of doubtful fame.

The point which his friends make is, that he was dragged, and thus deprived of his senses—and that, therefore, he is not responsible for any of his subsequent conduct, which, of course, they do not attempt to justify. They believe, from the information they have, that there has been a conspiracy to injure the cause of temperance, and that Mr. Gough was selected as the victim.

The police have taken no steps in the matter and therefore we have no examination of the woman in the house where he was found.—There were three women, we understand, one about forty years of age, and another, a young woman with a child. Mr. Williamson, with whom Mr. Gough was drinking soda-water, has not since been found. We can never get at the whole truth, unless the Police examine, and under oath, all the parties connected with this mysterious affair.

Mr. Gordon. A sort of official statement of this affair has been given to the chief of Police by two of the officers. It seems that he went to the house in Walker street on Friday night—a young female was on the stoop, whom he accosted, and passed in—he was perfectly rational and sober. He went out for brandy, and continued to do so that night and the next day. On Saturday morning he gave his name as John B. Gough, and was taken to the Croton hotel. On Saturday night he was found in the garret of a house in Walker-st. and was taken to the Croton hotel. On Sunday morning he was found in the garret of a house in Walker-st. and was taken to the Croton hotel. On Sunday morning he was found in the garret of a house in Walker-st. and was taken to the Croton hotel.

Served him right. A few days since, in the city of New York, two men were instantly killed by the falling of a building which was in process of construction. They were taken to the morgue, and there they lay for three days, and were then buried in the city of New York. The building was a very large one, and was being erected by a very famous architect. The building was a very large one, and was being erected by a very famous architect. The building was a very large one, and was being erected by a very famous architect.

Another present. Mr. Clay has just had presented to him, by a lady 93 years old, another new counterpane. A very appropriate present, as cold weather is coming on and Harry is getting old, he needs a few more clothes on his back.

The papers in Alabama are complaining of the drought. They say the cotton crops will be a failure.

Mr. Scammon's plurality in the county of York over Mr. Hopkins the federal candidate, is 944—and in the County of Oxford so far as heard from, 714—making his whole plurality thus far, over the federal candidate 1658—and over all others 864. [Maine Dem.]

OXFORD DEMOCRAT.

PARIS, SEPTEMBER 30, 1845.

BRITISH POLICY AND TREACHERY.

It has been well remarked by an able writer and deep thinker, that the great hot bed of international dissension, the magazine where weapons are forged and launched at the domestic peace and policy of the various nations of the globe—is Great Britain. It is emphatically so. Circumscribed as is her own legitimate territory, weak and combustible as is the condition of her social policy, threatened as she is continually by domestic violence and revolution—she is ever casting about for the means of national aggrandizement abroad, and seeking the power to intermeddle with the territory and policy of other countries. Specious and fair in her promises, she first humbly begs permission to rest her foot upon her neighbor's soil—upon she wishes to erect a building to cover her head, then a fort to defend her from transient attacks—and she closes the drama of insolent assumption by claiming the very soil on which she has been kindly permitted to repose.

Such is England; and the immense territory of the West Indies, various islands of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, all her lodgments on the Eastern and Western Continents, not excepting our own Oregon, afford abundant evidence of England's rapacity; while her pretended sympathy for freedom and the rights of man, and her ostentatious movements for civilizing and christianizing the miserable and degraded objects of her conquests, are belied in every detail of her history. She pretends, forsooth, that she wishes for the abolition of slavery in our Southern States, and in accordance with her settled policy, is engaged in sowing the seeds of dissension among the colored population, endangering the peace of our Union, and weakening the power of our Government. Look at her conduct towards the Republic of Mexico, and you will find that her burning, her bloodshed, her devastation, her depredations, are the best evidence of her true policy of conquest.

She is the largest slave dealer in the world. Her whole history is one of savage conquest, and enslavement of the people who have been obliged to bow their necks to the yoke of her dominion. Her iron rule has made the smallest nations of the earth to groan, while her artificial policy has deprived them of the fruits of their industry and enterprise. And yet she is forever prating of liberty. While pretending to suppress the slave trade, she has pirated on the vessels of other countries; and under the infamous suppression bill of 1839, by which British cruisers searched, *ad libitum*, the vessels of all other nations, ostensibly for enslaved Africans, our commerce was subjected to her practical outrage, and our country to insult. The bill was an outrage on the rights of civilized nations, and a violation of the sanctity of treaties.

Wherever she has political or commercial relations, and wherever an influence was to be brought to bear upon the domestic policy of the State, Great Britain has always chosen an envoy who industriously represented her principles, and reflected her views. If abolition was to be agitated in the United States or in the West Indies, which in effect is one and the same thing, so far as the interests of the South are concerned, she has ever sent one who had an excellent capacity for taking the census of our slave population, and ascertaining their susceptibility to inflammatory appeals. Treacherously she carried on the same line of policy towards us with regard to Texas. She sought to keep that territory from us, and to place it in a position where, with her incendiary batteries, and their Mexico, she could carry on her movements against our domestic peace and policy. Thanks to the patriots and intelligence of the Texas people, Great Britain was listened to only till her plans were unmasked, and her secret machinations fully understood. She was then met with the scorn of the nation, and her artificial counsels repudiated.

Even in Mexico, has she been plotting against us; and if we ever have war with the gossamer and despisable brigands of that country, and are obliged to open our hands to the hands of her predatory soldiers, and hang some hundreds of her pirates at the yard arm, it will be reason of some British intrigues, and the Mexicans may thank her dearly and eternally. More lately, we have heard of some of England's acts of benevolence towards us and in behalf of Mexico. On investigation, we find that agents have been making presents to the bloody Comanches, who are on the north and northwest frontiers of Texas, of blankets, of guns, powder and ball. It is not to be supposed that she has any designs upon us, but it may be possible that she expects nothing that the savage Indians, who spare neither age, sex, nor condition, shall murder our citizens, and their helpless families to their hearts' content. In the mean time, and if we come with Mexico, she may also do us a further kind deed in stimulating her colored population to insurrection, and otherwise encouraging the enemy.

Forty years, and more Mexico shall have been lately torn by the United States, she may come forth with her offers of peace and brotherly love. But she will be no further influence over that country, and the United States will be no more a prey to her intrigues and her blood. She may be prepared to stand—and when most wanted, and quiescent to appearance, she is best prepared for the acts of treachery and the deeds of open violence.

Hon. J. D. McCratt, Representative to Congress from this District, has returned from Europe, where he has been to visit a sick brother. He took passage from Liverpool in the Britannia, just arrived.

Oxford County Agricultural Show and Exhibition.

Last week, by request, we published a notice postponing the time of this meeting one week, in consequence of its occurring on the same week of the S. J. Court. Yesterday morning the following note was handed us:—

NORWICH, Sept. 27, 1845.
Judge Emery.—Sir:—The reason I did not insert the advertisement you sent over, was, that Mr. Deal directed me not, by letter from Portland, saying that the notice had been too extensively circulated to alter. I thought it probable that he might have talked with you in Portland, before writing me; but Mr. Burbank, of Bethel, who called on me this morning, suggested that I should drop you a line, stating that the Trustees decide not to postpone;—that notice to that effect might be given in the next Democrat;—and I write accordingly.
Yours truly,
IRA BERRY.

Still later, we received the following, purporting to be by order of the Trustees:—

The Oxford County Agricultural Show and Fair will be held at Bethel-Hill, as originally appointed, on Wednesday and Thursday, the 15th and 16th of October next.
Paris, Sept. 29, 1845.
By order of the Trustees.

From which our readers will see that the Show and Fair will be held "as originally appointed,"—on the 15th and 16th of October, instead of the 22nd and 23d.

We are sorry there should have been any misunderstanding in relation to this Exhibition, or rather, in relation to the time of holding it, and trust it will not prevent the attendance of any who intended to be present. The object is praiseworthy, and the Society deserving the patronage of every Farmer in the County who is desirous of improving himself, his farm, &c.

THE RAIL ROAD.

The meeting for organization, of the Atlantic and St. Lawrence Rail Road Company, was held at the City Hall, in Portland, on Thursday last, agreeable to previous notice. The Argus says the meeting was fully attended—many of the stockholders from the country being present. The assembling presented a fine specimen of the enterprising citizens of our State, and was a highly creditable evidence of the enterprise, business-like, and intelligent body of men, which this large company comprises.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Asa Briggs. A. Phelps Greely was appointed Chairman, and John Van Nostrand, Jr., of Portland, Chairman of the Corporation, introduced a copy of By-Laws with some appropriate remarks, and they were accepted without the slightest alteration.

The Ballots for Directors were then taken up, and a committee of six, consisting of Messrs. Wm. Goodnow, Charles Cobb, Franklin Tinkham, and Charles Holden, of Portland, Toppin Robie, of Guilford, and Joseph G. Cole, of Paris, were appointed to examine the proxies, and sort and count the ballots.

The following gentlemen were chosen on the first ballot:—
Wm. P. Noble, John Mussey, John B. Brown, John Anderson, Sir John Smith, Edmund Greely, John S. Little, James L. Farmer, and Thomas Hammond, of Portland, Ezra F. Best, of Norway, and John A. Poor, of Bangor.

At the second trial, James Doering and George Turner were chosen, which completes the board.

For the Democrat.

JUDGE SHEPLEY AND THE JUDICIARY.
It is with unfeigned pleasure that communications from different portions of the State have been read recommending the name of Judge Shepley in connection with a seat upon the Bench of the U. S. Supreme Court. Since the death of Judge Story, the subject of his succession is legitimately before the public. In Maine there seems to be but one voice upon whom the distinguished honor now contemplated should be conferred. It is no disparagement to those who have deservedly ranked and now stand high in the Judiciary of Maine, or to those distinguished gentlemen in other parts of New England who have been proposed for the office, to say that Judge Shepley possesses preeminently the qualifications requisite for such a post. His discriminating mind, disciplined by long and close research as well as a varied experience in the intricate details of the law, his untiring integrity and spotless character—the ability and impartiality which has uniformly characterized his career as a Judge, are a sufficient guaranty that his promotion to such a position would redound to the honor of the State and country. It is to be hoped that the voice of Maine, which contributed so essentially to place the appointing power in the hands of the present administration, will in this matter be heard and her wishes regarded.

Since the above was put in type, we learn from the Washington Union that HON. LEVI WOODBURY, of New Hampshire, has been appointed to the Bench of the Supreme Court of the United States.

The Union says, "Mr. Woodbury is eminently entitled to the honor, not merely on account of his public services, but more especially by his eminent accomplishments as a sound constitutional jurist, in the maturity of his mind and the vigor of his faculties." We congratulate the country, therefore, upon his appointment. Our great regret arises from the loss of his effective and brilliant talents on one of the great "fields of his name," and of the Eastern States. There he will be greatly missed. For there he has been eminently successful by the justice of his views and the efficiency of his talents.

His Factory, has been put in operation at Harrison, Cumberland County, by Charles Parley, Esq., formerly of Portland. It is represented as doing a good and profitable business.

Excerpt. If a man wishes to damn the human race, he commences generally by cursing those who led the way to freedom; and of all men of this world who have been so renowned as best among the rescued, Thomas Jefferson is chief.

We copy the following notice, in relation to the trial of Richard W. Houghton, of Bangor, in the term of the S. J. Court held at Alfred week before last, from the correspondence of the Argus:—

"Sometime in July, 1844, Nathaniel Haynes, of Hells, sold a horse to an individual for \$85, in \$5 bills of the Bank of Cumberland, Portland, all of which proved to be counterfeit. Some time in January following, Mr. Houghton was arrested for this offence, and at a Justice's examination in Buxton, being identified by the direct and positive testimony of Mr. Haynes and his wife, and four or five other witnesses, was bound over for trial in the sum of \$2000. Within five or six weeks after, from some cause, Mr. Haynes was induced to believe that Mr. Houghton was not the man who cheated him of his horse, and went before a Justice and made affidavit to that effect. Notwithstanding this somewhat in the principal witness of the Government, the Attorney General felt it his duty to proceed to trial with the case, in which these facts were made to appear. In his defence, Mr. Houghton introduced between thirty and forty witnesses, by whose evidence he clearly established the fact that he was in Norway during every day of July from the first to the fifteenth, covering all the time in which the offence was alleged to have been committed—proving what in law is termed an *alibi*. After the evidence was pretty much concluded, Chief Justice Whitman remarked, that though there was strong and almost positive proof of the identity of the prisoner, and many circumstances of a very suspicious nature against him, especially his behavior when first arrested, and particularly his tampering with the principal witness of the Government, yet the proof in his defence was so strong that he suggested to the Attorney General the propriety of entering a *not. pros.* to which there was a ready assent. The counsel for the defence insisted upon a verdict from the Jury, which, after a few moments of consultation without leaving their seats, was given in favor of the prisoner, *Not guilty*. This verdict, I believe, has a response in the minds of all who listened to the trial. Mr. Houghton has expended many hundred dollars in his defence, and if an innocent man, as he must now be deemed, he has suffered a great injury—and if not innocent, it must operate as a strong admonition to him, as well as to all engaged in the nefarious practice of counterfeiting. As this case has been brought before the public, and has produced considerable excitement in many places, I have thought it might be proper to make the above statement. I have in the above omitted one fact which perhaps ought to come into this notice. Mr. Haynes testifies that he has seen another person who looks more like the one who bought his horse than Mr. Houghton."

DRYING POTATOES.

A Glenburn Farmer says in a letter to the editor of the Bangor Courier, "keep potatoes dry and they will not rot." We extract the following from his letter:—

"I assume it to be a fact that the potatoe is not diseased. The tops of the potatoe have been killed, extensively, the past two seasons, and, as a very natural consequence, the unripe half grown tubers have rotted. The cause of the rot is fermentation. Prevent fermentation, and the frightful 'Potatoe Plague' is cured. This must be done by drying. Any farmer who has a field of rotting potatoes, may save them, by digging and spreading them so thin as to dry the surface, and keeping them dry until cold weather, and he can then safely store them away in the cellar. Drying any substance as every one should know, will prevent fermentation. Fermentation in vegetable matter produces decomposition, and decomposition is rot."

Significant. In 1815, after Napoleon's return from Elba, a violent royalist exclaimed to his confessor, who happened to dine with him at Ghent, "What! Henry III. and IV. were assassinated, and nobody can be found for the deed of the usurper Bonaparte?" The priest, feeling a deep sigh—"Ah, my dear sir," said he, "there is no longer any religion in the world as in those days." Napoleon is said to have been much amused with this anecdote.

Saltling meat. A patent has been secured for saltling meat in a few minutes. The meat is placed in an iron vessel, and the air is then exhausted from the vessel by an air pump, and the brine let in from another vessel. This again is drawn off by the air pump, and new brine injected by a forcing pump, so that the meat is cured in fifteen minutes.

Comfortable profits. A writer from the White Sulphur Springs in Virginia says, the proprietor of the hotel at that place, estimates the profits of the hotel at \$30,000 a season, this being the smallest income ever realized in any season. It some times amounts to \$90,000.

The sale of paintings, busts and vases at the Bonaparte mansion, in New Jersey, took place on Tuesday. The N. Y. Tribune publishes a list of twenty-two articles, which were sold for \$10,225. One painting brought \$2,500.

Well done! In Sutton, Vt., twenty-six ballots for Representative were held on Tuesday the 1st inst., and on Wednesday morning at 4 o'clock, a sound Democrat was elected.

There is a man in this town who does nothing all the time, and dies it up next day. He has a clock to keep tally.

An act without money is not thought as much of, now-a-days, as a devil with a bag of grapes.

On Dr.—We have information from Washington, says the Portland Argus, that Mr. Buchanan, Secretary of State, is to be appointed Judge of the Supreme Court, in place of the late Judge Baldwin; that Mr. Mason, Attorney General, will be made Secretary of State; and that Mr. Bancroft, Secretary of the Navy, is to have the mission to Berlin.

Violation of the Post Office Law. The U. S. Marshall for Massachusetts, has arrested Wells Southworth and Samuel Leonard, of West Springfield, through a warrant charging them with violating the new Post Office Law, in running or establishing a private express mail from West Springfield. They gave bail for their appearance to answer the charge at the U. S. Circuit Court in Boston, on the 15th of October.

Cold Comfort! The Feds, poor fellows, always doomed to be beaten at the polls, are facilitating themselves upon the fact that they were beaten by a less majority than last year. Well! if that is any comfort to them, let them enjoy it to the utmost!—It won't last them more than one year. So says the Bangor Democrat, and so say we.

Patents. Among the list of Patents issued from May 1, to July 1, 1845, are the following in Maine.

To Hiram A. Pitts, of Winthrop, for improvement in cutting and crushing corn fodder: patented May 1st, 1845.

To John T. Kimball, of Kennebunk, for improvement in carriages: patented July 22nd, 1845.

Heathen Subscribers. A Sandwich Island paper says, that for a whole year it had but one delinquent subscriber. They can teach Christians what they never learned from them in this matter.

"Ah, John, my uncle has been in New York, and youn hasn't." "Well, what of that, my uncle has been in jail, and youn hasn't." Consumption reader! Remember this! In Colds and Coughs, which are the first symptoms of Consumption, the Hungarian Balm is the most pleasant and efficacious remedy that can possibly be used. In cases of inflammation of the Lungs, it possesses a wonderful healing and renovating power. In confirmed Consumption, it has been used with perfect and triumphant success, where the most eminent physicians had given up all hope as vain. It is exceedingly pleasant and agreeable to the taste, and entirely safe and salutary in its effects upon the system. Pamphlets respecting this Great English Remedy may be had gratis of Moses HAMMOND, the only agent in Paris.

MARRIED.

In Westbrook, Dr. Henry Hunt, Jr. to Miss Caroline Dexter of Brewer.

Married. Maria Neptune, member of the Union, to Molly Anna Dana, daughter of Stephen Dana, a sister of John Neptune, to Molly Manly, daughter of John Dana; and Joseph Joseph, to Molly Stacey, daughter of the late Deacon Stacey, all of Pleasant Point.

DIED.

In Norway, Miss Mary M. Phelps, aged 21 years. In Gardiner, Harriet daughter of Isaac Lawrence, aged 19 years. In Eastport, Mr. Nicholas Smith, aged 75 years.

PROBATE NOTICES.

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On the Petition of Joseph Jordan, of Monson, in the County of Piscataquis, praying that the Executor of the last Will and Testament of Simon Fuller, late of said Monson, deceased, may be authorized to convey to said Testator certain Real Estate situated in said Monson, respectively the conditions of a Bond in Court to be produced, from conveying which said Fuller has been prevented by death.

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